In re application of:	
Northington *et al.*	Art Unit: Unassigned
Appl. No.: To be Assigned (Continuation of 09/166,069)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: Herewith	Atty. Docket: 16762.093A
For: Open-Architecture System for Real-Time Consolidation of Information from Multiple Financial Systems	

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to the examination thereof.

It is believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 8, before "claims", please insert --is a continuation of application number 09/166,069, filed October 5, 1998, and--.